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Entrepreneurship moves fast. Landscapes change, priorities pivot and stories unfold. During June on the Startup Canada Podcast, join us as we hear how these Canadian queer businesses have changed and look back on their journeys.
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Joy as Progress with Rae Hill

Rae Hill is the Founder of Origami Customs, a custom-made swimwear and intimates brand designed for all bodies.

Since we last spoke, Rae has been doing something few people are talking about: leading pharmacist training on gender-affirming products like binders and gaffs, filling a gap that has long existed in the healthcare system.

Tune in to hear how their community has evolved, and what leaning into partnerships and networks has meant for the business and the people it serves.

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Inclusion is a Competitive Strategy with Naoufel Testaouni

Naoufel Testaouni is the Co-founder and CEO of QueerTech, an organization empowering 2SLGBTQIA+ people to break into the tech industry.

In this revisit, we catch up on where QueerTech is now and dig into their national research on inclusive and responsible AI.

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Pride Tape is Powerful with Jeff McLean

Jeff McLean is the Co-founder of Pride Tape, a small idea that grew into a global movement creating safety and inclusion in sports and beyond. In this episode, Jeff shares that journey and what it has meant to build something with real impact. Please note that parts of this conversation touch on experiences of homophobia, bullying, and hate.

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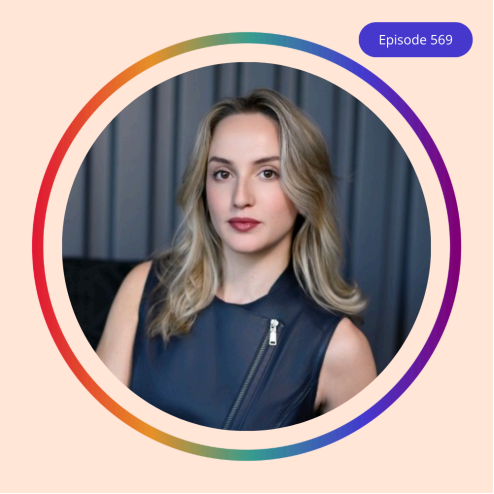

Sex, Health and Stigma Reduction with Ella Farlinger

Ella Farlinger is the Co-founder of trusti, a home STI testing company built with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in mind.

In this Pride Rewind episode, we reflect on how trusti has grown since we last spoke, from the evolution of their home STI test to the role of institutional partners in building something people can count on.

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Language Shapes Parental Support with Gill Damborg

Gill Damborg is the Chief Creative Officer at Brood, an organization dedicated to supporting parents, communities, and families with thoughtful care.

In this Pride Rewind episode, Gill explores how language, policy, and systems shape the experiences of queer families, and what it looks like when care is truly intentional.

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